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Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, March 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Schneider, Professional Member, Chairperson
Samuel Sullivan, Professional Member, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Price, Professional Member, Secretary
Angela Smith, Professional Member
Julie Knowles, Professional Member
Amy Blansfield, Professional Member
Andrea Godfrey, Public Member
Prameela Kaza, Public Member (4:36 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Lewis, Professional Member
Monique Johns, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Bryan Stone, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting. Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deliberations for the Rules and Regulations Hearing

Ms. Kelly stated that the hearing took place on January 24, 2017 and summarized the proposed revisions. She also summarized the testimony of Dr. Cara Gomez. Ms. Kelly listed the exhibits which were marked and made part of the record, and which were available to the Board members on eboards.

The Board first considered Exhibit 3, a letter from Tara Jo Manal from the University of Delaware, suggesting that the Board expand the list of collision sports in subsection 15.3.1.2. The Board declined to expressly expand the list but added the words “such as” before the list to accommodate other collision sports.

The Board next considered Exhibit 4, a February 2, 2017 letter from Denise Fandel of the Board of Certification requesting amendment sections 7.0, 8.0 and 10.0 of the regulations to include the correct legal name of the Board of Certification. The Board agreed to make those changes. Ms. Mandel also requested that the Board amend section 15.0 to require that physical therapists pursuing sports physical therapy certification through a residency program be subject to direct supervision at all times. The Board declined to adopt this suggested change on the basis that a residency program has a formal curriculum and competency standards which is not the case for physical therapists pursuing certification through supervised hours. There are sufficient protections in place to permit physical therapists pursuing certification through a residency program to practice without supervision after 100 hours.

The Board next considered Exhibit 5, a February 28, 2017 letter from Scott Sailor of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association. Mr. Sailor expressed the same concerns as those expressed by Ms. Fandel as to supervision of physical therapists pursuing certification through residency and the Board declined to amend the regulations as requested by Mr. Sailor on the basis previously discussed.

The Board next considered Exhibit 6, a February 8, 2017 letter from Tara J. Manal of the University of Delaware concerning subsection 9.1.1 pertaining to foreign educated applicants. Due to the substance of Ms. Manal's comments and the need for further information the Board decided to table the revisions to subsection 9.1.1 to a future meeting.

The Board next considered Exhibit 7, a letter from Angela Shuman of the American Physical Therapy Association stating that no other state requires certification or additional training for physical therapists to provide care to injured athletes outside of a clinical setting. The Board disagreed with Ms. Shuman finding that the proposed regulation changes imposing advanced training will provide needed protections for the public.

Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kaza to accept the regulations as proposed, with the non-substantive changes as noted, except for subsection 9.1.1, which will be tabled for further discussion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review and Discussion of Tabled Hearing Officer Recommendations

The Board reviewed and deliberated on the Hearing Officer recommendations.

Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to send an order stating that a criminal background check is required if they renew or reinstate their license for the following : Christine Miller, Sean Randolph, Stephanie Hinspeter, Brett MacLennan, Andrea Jones, Eduardo De Asis, Dereck Schiller, David Warner, Kevin Walsh, Ray Wahl, Lindsey Good, Kathryn Gowl, Jodi Hindman, and Brittany Kozitsk; to accept the Hearing Officer recommendation for Gail Maria; and to send orders to William Webb, Michael Delbaugh, Erik Hums and Joshua Meyer imposing a \$200 fine and requiring a Criminal Background Check if they renew or reinstate their license. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Price, to ratify the licensure applications by reciprocity for approval. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of FSBPT Appeal Request(s) for One Additional NPTE Attempt

Mr. Price made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to deny the appeal request for 1-3. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Request(s) for Approval of Continuing Education Units

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to table all requests until next meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kaza to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Stone", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Bryan Stone
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.